



## Barbara A. Nicholson

February 7, 1938 - October 30, 2021

Hampton – Barbara Ann Nicholson, 83, of Hampton, passed away on Saturday October 30, 2021 at Webster at Rye after a courageous battle with hydrocephalus. Barbara's loving and devoted family was at her bedside. She was born in Philadelphia on February, 7, 1938, the daughter of the late Sheldon and Adelaide (McMullin) Willey.

Barbara was raised throughout New England following her father's career in sales, spending time in Connecticut, Vermont, Maine and New Hampshire. The family eventually settled in Hampton and Barbara graduated from Hampton Academy with the Class of 1956. Shortly after graduation, Barbara met her husband Daniel B. Nicholson at Hampton Beach and they married in 1957. The young couple moved to Norfolk, VA where Dan was stationed with the United States Navy. They returned to Hampton in 1958, and Barbara worked for the Hampton Recreation Department leading the summer programming. She was also a school bus driver, teachers' aid, and substitute teacher while continuing her education, earning her Bachelor of General Studies degree from UNH, graduating Cum Laude.

She worked as a kindergarten teacher, inspiring generations of children and parents at Hampton's Centre and Marston Schools for 30 years and earned her Master of Education degree in Counseling from UNH in 1986. She continued her studies with the Marion Woodman Foundation and completed the BodySoul Rhythms® Leadership Training Program certified to lead workshops and dream groups that she continued well into retirement. And she gained a registered trade name, Barbara's Dreamtime in 2002.

She loved the outdoors, she enjoyed skiing, swimming, and walking the beach, even venturing to boogie board when the waves were right. She and her husband Dan enjoyed sailing on their boat Merryweather, and hiking and camping in the White Mountains. They also enjoyed traveling the country, trips with their grandsons, going to Europe, along with spending time in their retirement home in Zephyrhills, Florida, regulars at the Saturday night dances. Barbara and Dan made friends wherever they went and she gathered people together, family and friends alike whenever possible.

Barbara was a member of the Seacoast Education Association (SEA), Vice President of the local National Organization for Women (NOW) chapter, American Association for Counseling and Development, a Lieutenant of the Portsmouth Power Squadron, Hampton Democrats, and Trinity Church Hampton.

She is survived by her devoted husband, Daniel B. Nicholson, her two daughters, Beth Searle-Spratt and husband Michael of Hampton and Carol Hansen and husband, David of Bedford, MA and her grandchildren Tyler Searle-Spratt, of Hampton, and Corey Searle-Spratt, and his wife Meaghan McCann of Austin, Texas. She also leaves her two brothers, James Willey and wife Betsy of Stratham, and Thomas Willey and wife Gloria of Fort Meyers, Florida, and nephews Jared, Matthew and Thomas Willey, and niece Cynthia Abdrabou and their families.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 PM on Thursday, November 4, 2021 in the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home – Crematory, 811 Lafayette Rd., Hampton. Services will be held at 11 AM on Friday November 5, 2021 at the Trinity Episcopal Church, 200 High St., Hampton. Burial will follow in the High Street Cemetery, Hampton. Masks are required for all guests at the funeral home and at church. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to, TASC Transportation Assistance for Seacoast Citizens(<https://www.tasc-rides.org/>) Meals on Wheels Rockingham Nutrition & Meals On Wheels(<https://rockinghammealsonwheels.org/>) or The Jane Goodall Institute(<https://janegoodall.org/>)

# Cemetery

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## High Street Cemetery

100 High St

Hampton, NH, 03842

# Events

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**NOV**   **Visitation**   05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory

811 Lafayette Road ·, Hampton, NH, US, 03842

# Comments

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“ Condolences to the Nicholson family. I had Mrs Nicholson for a 4H leader doing Arts and Crafts. I also was friends with Beth in high school so saw her over my school years in Hampton.  
May your memories help you through this difficult time.  
Lisa Merrill Spring

**Lisa Spring** - November 05, 2021 at 07:11 PM

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“ Barbara and Dan were among our first friends we made at Trinity when I became the Organist/Choir Director there. We were in foyer together...worked at many functions at Trinity...Wes walked the beach in Hampton with Dan...lots of sweet memories of a lovely friend. You will be missed, Barb! Prayers for her family.

**Anne Rowe** - November 04, 2021 at 11:17 PM

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“ To Barbara's Family,

I was so sorry to here of Barbara 's passing. My heart goes out to all of you. She was a very special person who I adored. I was her kindergarten aide at Centre School for eight years. Barb was a brand new teacher and it was my first year as an aide. She inspired me to go on and become a teacher myself. I learned so much from her about educating young children and how you treat them. I now work at Centre School again and every time I walk by our old classroom I smile and think of her and all the children she touched with such love and the great times we had. Barbara will be remembered and missed by many.  
May she walk in God's White Light.  
With love,  
Paulette

**Paulette Bailey** - November 04, 2021 at 05:09 PM

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“ 210 files added to the album LifeTributes



Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - November 04, 2021 at 01:18 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear about Barbara's passing. She was my kindergarten teacher who touched my life early on. She was very compassionate and kind. I was surprised in my early adulthood when she recognized me at a craft fair in Hampton- we began to talk about dreams and had a few conversations over email. What a lovely soul and special lady

lyndsey mcelreath - November 02, 2021 at 08:14 PM

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“ Beth & Family,

I am so sorry for your family's loss. Barbara has inspired me in countless ways. She was an amazing person, and her soul was a gift to everyone that knew her. I have many fond memories of her that I will cherish. I am thinking of you all.



Kayla Sherman - November 02, 2021 at 01:13 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of Mrs. Nicholson's passing. She was my kindergarten teacher back in the early 90s and she made an impact even in that early time of my life. My mom even invited her to my high school graduation and she came! She was a remarkable woman and I'm sure she made her mark on many more like kids like me.

Amanda Geller - November 01, 2021 at 10:47 PM

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“ Ellen Wilbur DeCosta lit a candle in memory of Barbara A. Nicholson



Ellen Wilbur DeCosta - November 01, 2021 at 02:40 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of Barbara's passing on, all. I will always remember her until we meet again! She's got the answers to all the questions now! John 11:25,26! No death in Christ Jesus. All our love to Dan and family.  
Jane + Bruce + family.

Jane Kirk - November 01, 2021 at 10:56 AM

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“ We are saddened to hear of Barb's passing. She was a dear neighbor and friend at our winter home in Zephyrhills, FL.  
Our sympathy to Dan, Beth, Carol and families.  
Joan and Russ Kubara

Joan Kubara - October 31, 2021 at 04:14 PM